Read Mrs. Wilson's Art-

icles on Woman's Page.

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NEW BILLS RECREATE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION. ASKS FOR \$500,000 TO PROBE HIGH LIVING COST. GOOD ROADS BOOSTERS ARE HERE ASKING HIGHWAYS.

COME TO RICHMOND TO END BURDENS OF VIRGINIA'S MUD TAX

Hundreds of Automobilists Will Take Part in Today's Parade.

CAR OWNERS ARE DRIVING IN FROM EVERY SECTION

Will Form Around Lake at Byrd Park at 6:15 This Evening.

HANDSOME CUP OFFERED

Prize Will Go to Civic Body Sending Largest Car-Owner Delegation

When the General Assembly begins The Times-Dispatch, have hreaded their tortuous, and often er the very snadow of the legis-halls they will stand, visible re-rs of the great undertaking faces the lawmaking body of la in beginning a movement holds out promise of a monu-l system of highways stretching across the mountains to the sea from the Potomac to the North has border.

Before the parade, at 5:20 o'clock, here will be presented in the Lyric fullding a handsome trophy to the live body or chamber of commerce ringing to Richmond on this booster in the largest delegation of autopoile owners. Governor Davis will lise greet the better roads "pilgrims."

Among the automobiles which have Among the automobiles when his confidence on the fire committee which waited on the Governor was composed of James M. Governor was composed of James M. already arrived in Richmond are six-teen from Lynchburg, six from Roz-noke, one from Danville, two from Southwest Virginia, three from Farm-ville and two from Bristol. A large delegation is expected today from Datershare Fradericking. delegation is expected today from Petersburg, Fredericksburg and other

Boosters from Lynchburg report that the roads between their horae and Farmville are in terrible condition, but are perceptibly better from Farmville to Richmond, through Prince Edward. Cumberland, Powhatan and Chesterfield Counties.

Bristol Party Arrives.

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Henry Roberts and party left Bristol Monday morning at 6:45 o'clock with two cars, one of which transferred its passengers at Abingdon to another car, and the party was joined by Senator E. Lee Trinkle and Mrs. Trinkle at Wytheville.

Four cars and sixteen passengers from Russell and Tazewell Counties made the trip through Giles County and missed connection with the Bristol party at Christainsburg, due to tire troubles. These four cars were tied up last night by heavy rains and mud at Bedford City.

One of the Bristol cars stopped at

One of the Bristol cars stopped at Roanoke last night and has not yet reached Richmond, but is expected here by noon today. The two cars from the Southwest which arrived in Richmond last night, stopped at Lynchburg Monday night and came on to Rich yesterday, arriving at 7:30

senator Trinkle, Mrs. Trinkle and to suggestions by State utility com-bonald T. Stant, the member of the Legislature from Bristoi, came in Sen-Legislature from Roberts, Roberts, of Indiana, Connecticut and Rhode

serious trouble experienced by either GREAT CROWD CHEERS PRINCE of the cars.

PLAN WELCOME TO MERCIER

Former Governor Goldsborough, of Maryland, Is Chairman of Baltimore Committee.

(By Associated Press.)

BALTIMORE, MD., August 12.—Former Governor Phillip Lee Goldsborough, who was appointed chairman of a committee to receive Cardinal Mercier, of Belgium, in Baltimore yesterday, made known the plans for the reception. The committee is composed of men of all creeds, and is headed by the highest officials in the State and city. Two receptions will be given to the Belgian primate.

at noon today. Everywhere cheering crowds greeted him, and he was welcomed by province and city officials at every turn from the water front to Tarliament.

A formal luncheon was tendered him by the Governor, at the close of which a toast to his health brought from him a response couched in words of warm praise for the work of the Newfoundlanders at home, on the seas and on the battle fields of Europe.

Good Roads Booster Program for Today

t the registration desk, Grace treet lobby of the Hotel Richmond. Those airendy in the city and who have not registered are requested to do so in order that their community may be given credit.

Those forced by impassable road conditions to abandon the trip by automobile are requested to register, and cars will be provided for them to participate in the parade.

All Good Ronds Boosters will assemble at the Lyric Theater at 5:15 for the showing of the Special Good Roads picture. No admission charge. Tickets may be obtained at Times-Dispatch desk, Richmond Hotel.

Times-Dispatch trophy cup will be awarded to the civic organiza-tion having the largest representa-

tion of hoosters.
Governor Davis will extend welcome to visitors and boosters at Lyric Theater at 5:20. immediately after showing of picture, assemble on south side steps of Capitol for group photograph.

Immediately after photographing proceed to the lake at Byrd Park, where parade will form.

"Help lift Virginia out of the

HIGH COST OF LIVING HITS CAPITOL HILL EMPLOYEES

Force, Below Department Heads, Seeks 10 Per Cent Salary Increase.

Under the very shadow of the legis- GOVERNOR MEETS COMMITTEE

Legislative Reference Bureau Prepares Bill Providing for Higher Pay-Claim Present Compensation Fails to Meet Present-Day Prices.

at the special session to grant them

Present Handsome Trophy Cup.

Before the parade, at 5:20 o'clock, here will be presented in the Lyric wilding a handsome trophy to the wilding a handsome trophy to the vice body or chamber of commerce. Under the bill, a clerk who would have received \$1,500 a year during this time would get \$1,600 instead.

It is contended by the employees that many municipalities, including Richmond have raised the salaries and

The committee which waited on the Governor was composed of James M. Hayes, Jr., of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, R. C. Corbell, of the office of the Commissioner of Games and Inland Fisheries, and E. E. Cones, of the State Corporation Commission offices. They were accompadied by State Labor Commissioner John Hirschberg.

ELECTRIC MEN CLAIM TRACTION ROADS ARE NEEDING ASSISTANCE

Detroit Man Suggests Taxing Land Values of Property Served.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, August 12.—Witnesses today before the Federal Electric Railways Commission were in agreement that the financial situation of the companies was serious and prob-ably would grow worse because of rising costs and motor vehicle compe-

Remedies suggested ranged from the proposal of Mayor Couzens, of Detroit, for municipal ownership and opera-tion of urban lines on the ground that they were a social problem, vital to the health and well-being of citizens, to suggestions by State utility com-missioners that revenues be increased.

legislature from Bristol, came in sentator Trinkle's car. Henry Roberts, Roland E. Chase, the representatives of Wise and Dickenson Countles in the Legislature; W. M. McConnell and George W. Palmer, of Abingdon, and Roland E. Chase, Jr., came in the street car plants, a nominal charge and absorption of any The Southwest parties report many bad sections of road sandwiched between good sections here and there the worst sections being between East Radford and Christiansburg, and Roanoke and Lynchburg and Earnwille.

An unusual accident happened to the car occupied by Mr. Roberts and others between Farmville and Cumberland, when a railroad spike lying lose in the road was driven into the casing some ave inches. This was the only serious trouble experienced by either of the cars.

Is Accorded Enthusiastic Reception by People of St. Johns on His Arrival.

(By Associated Press.) (By Associated Press.)

ST. JOHNS, N. F., August 12.—The Prince of Wales was accorded an enthusiastic reception upon his arrival at noon today. Everywhere cheering crowds greeted him, and he was welcomed by province and city officials at every turn from the water front to Parliament.

RETAIL MERCHANTS TWO BILLS AIMED

Good Roads Association, Outlines Highway Bill.

Declares Conditions Will Right Glass Pleads for Authority to Themselves If Let Alone. Several Hundred Attend.

gainst a wheel tax," he declared since every member votes against it.

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Guesis at Linnebeon.

The visitors will be guests at luncheen the visitors will be a practical demonstration to the visitors of the processes by Sensor McKellar and Sensitivity of made by the Department of Justice to considerable debate. Will give rise and though no announcement was a luncheon year of the Mills of the Chamber of the Mills of the Chamber of the Mills of the

tion.

A special invitation will be extended to members of the General Assembly, which will convene in extras session this morning, to attend the sessions of the conference, which closes tomorrow afternoon with an al fresco entertainment at Bryan Park at 5:30 o'clock, which will be featured by music, vaudeville and refreshments.

ABSENCE OF ALDERMEN DELAYS APPROPRIATIONS

Chamberlayne Avenue Improvement and That of Fourth Street, South Richmond, Held Up.

Due to a number of members being Due to a number of members being out of town the Board of Aldermen at its session last night did not muster enough members to pass the appropriations for the improvement of Chamberlayne Avenue, north ofs the bridge; the improvement of Fourth Street, in South Richmond: the equipment of the Robert E. Lee School, and the extension of the gas and water mains. These measures will now wait until the next meeting of the board. Among the measures concurred in by the board last night were the following: Ordinance to close Goddin Street, be

tween Creek Street and the Air Line tracks.
Ordinance fixing the license of "small loan" businesses at \$200 a year.
Resolution to authorize the sale of the old schoolhouse at vary and Syca-Streets Ordinance for free water for shower

baths for children.
Ordinance to close city streets during certain hours so that children may Play in them.

Resolution granting leave of absence with pay to Police Justice Maurice.

Denikine Continues Advance. Denikine Continues Advance.

LONDON, August 12.—General Denikine's advance is continuing along the greater part of the Southern Russian front against considerable Bolshevist resistance, the War "Office announced tonight, K.maishan, which was taken on July 28, yie'ded 11,000 prisoners, sixty guns, 150 machine guns and an immense amount of war materials it

immense amount of war materials, it was added. Actors Strike in Chicago. CHICAGO, August 12.—Within a few hours after the arrival here tonight of Francis Wilson, president of the Actors' Equity Association, a strike of members of the association now playing in Chicago was called, and as a result two downtown theaters were dark tonight.

dark tonight.

President Lupton, of Virginia Chairman Murdock Asks for Huge Sum to Make Investigation.

NOT WORRYING OVER FOOD PLAN USING SECRET SERVICE

Obtain Men to Trail

West Virginia, North and propriation of \$500,000 for investiga-Georgia, the tion of the increased cost of living by Southern Retail Merchants' Conference the Federal Trade Commission was pened at 9:30 yesterday morning in asked of Congress today by Acting he auditorium of John Marshall High Chairman Murdock, of the commission, Featuring the first half-day session for the commission already authorized of the conference was the address of are insufficient to conduct the pro-

are insufficient to conduct the proposed inquiry, the letter said.

Chairman Murdock, who also is a member of the subcommittee named by Attorney-General Palmer to submit recommendations for reducing living costs, set forth in his letter that the commission proposed to conduct further investigations as to the production, storage and distribution of foodsuffs with the aim of arriving at figures on the real cost, wholesale and retail prices.

So far as known, the President has not directed any additional investigations, but bills are bending in the House for inquiries into the sugar and shoe industries.

The communication from the Trade Commission chairman reached the House at the close of a day during which both branches of Congress gave much attention to cost-of-living problems. Appropriation of \$175,000 was asked for the Secret Service by Secretary Glass, who asked that in authorizing the appropriation a clause he inserted to permit the use of the service operatives in running down food hoarders and profiteering.

Bill Directed at Profiteering.

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THINK VISCOUNT GREY WILL BE AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES HEAVILY-ARMED GUARDS

English Lord, It Is Claimed, Is Suffering From Failing Eyesight.

(By Universal Service.)

LONDON, August 12.—It is confidently expected that within a few days the government will announce that Viscount Grey has accepted the post of British ambassador to the United States.

Lord Grey has been for many months troubled by his failing eyesight. Some of the greatest British specialists have been in consultation over him and he has been subjected to a special course of treatment, so that recent reports he was going blind have now been replaced by encouraging news. (By Universal Service.)

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The viscount, it appears, is not threatened with total blindness, but is suffering from what is known to the profession as loss of central vision. When he wears colored glasses, with which he has become familiar, he can see sufficiently to walk about and, indeed, can go fishing and pursue ordinary pursuits as well as the average person.

PASTOR CHASES ROBBER WHO BROKE OPEN POOR BOX

John Randolph, of Roanoke, Va., When Arrested, Admits He Used Drugs.

BALTIMORE, MD., August 12.—Alleged to have broken open the poor box in St. John, the Baptist Catholic Church of this city, John Randolph iwenty-seven years old, of Roanoke. twenty-seven years old, of Roanoke, Va., was arrested this afternoon after the Rev. Valentine Rumpel, pastor of the church, had chased him from Paca Street to a building in the 300 block on North Howard Street.

At the Western Police Station, Randolph admitted that he uses drugs. Literature from other Catholic churches was found in his possession, leading the police to believe he may have made a practice of robbing churches.

STOP THAT THEF.
Universal Auto Locks that Locks Demonstration Kline Kar windows, this week, 605, 607, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613 West Broad.—Adv.

\$450,000,000 Worth of Water Injected Into Rail Stocks in Ten Years, Plumb Says

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, August 12.—The railrond brotherhoods, through their counsel, Glenn E. Plumb, today laid before the House Interstate Commerce Committee their charges of corruption in the management of the railroads under private control.

The charges, announced as forthcoming a week ago, were that many of the great railway systems had been plundered systematically by the limneral interests, and that the railroads litegally held millions

by the financial interests, and that the railroads iliegally held millions of acres of public lands.

Eighteen representative railroads of the country, the brotherhood altorney asserted, issued stock aggregating \$150,414,000 between 1900 and 1910 as bonuses and paid millions of dollars in dividends on honuses. These same railroads, he further charged, were "controlled in whole or in part by the Morgan interests, the Rockefeller interests and the Gould interests."

Coupled with the charges, which came just before the House committee closed its hearings on organized labor's bill for elimination of private capital from railroad own-

private capital from railroad own-ership, was the demand by Mr. Plumb that Congress make a thor-

RELEASED SUGAR GIVES

der the other plans" proposed for future disposition of the railronds. There was no intimation as to what course the committee might take in regard to the request for an investigation. Chairman Esch, in half a dozen questions, indicated that to go into the charges would be like traveling over old ground, as they had been threshed out long ago. Plumb told the committee that he either had the evidence to support every charge or knew where it could be obtained. Presentation of the charges apparently falled to arouse much interest among members, as no one except the chairman sought light through examination of the witness. With the filing of Plumb's charges the committee concluded hearings on his plan for public ownership and employee operation of the railronds, and will take up later the plans to be offered by security holders and railway executives, both of which, labor officials have testified, are more radical than that framed by Mr. Plumb and indorsed by the brotherhoods. It probably will be a month before the committee can make a final report.

CROWELL URGES CREATION

Consumers Enabled to Buy Two- War and Navy Departments Voice Pound Lots to Replenish Scanty Supply.

Food Situation Little Changed, Trans- One Asks Agency Be Charged With portation Uncertainties, However, Having Tendency to Cause Upward Trend of Prices in Richmond

United States District Attorney Hiram manufacturer was placed on sale here will be the secretary for air is the yesterday and materially relieved the chief recommendation of the American keted through two retail dealers, and Crowell, Assistant Secretary of War, consumers were permitted to purchase which has submitted its report to the

consumers were permitted to purchase in two-pound lots.

In a few days it is expected that an additional 52,000 pounds of sugar will arrive in Richmonds of this, 35,000 pounds is now on the way from New Orleans. Little further has been done concerning the 4,000 100-pound sacks which the United States Sugar Equalization Board has offered Richmond. In zation Board has offered Richmond. In zero of any guarantee that the

Washington Visit Postponed.

Owing to the fact that Secretary Baker on his return to Washington remained but one day in that city, and that he will not return until next week, the Mayor's committee, which was to have gone to Washington this week to confer with the secretary about the food situation, has had to postpone its trip until next Monday. The committee will ask that such surplus food supplies as the War Department may be disposed to allot to Richmond be sent here, stored in warehouses and distributed by the quartermaster's department.

By the secretary for air, assistant secretary

PROTECT ELECTRIC PLANT

Power Company Employees on Strike Menace Charlotte's Comfort and Safety.

CHARLOTTE, August 12.—Armed regular and special police officers maintained guard tonight at the substation of the electric lighting and power system of the Soulaern Public Utilities Company at the gas plant, to safeguard the city against the possible cutting off its gas and electric supply, following the strike of electrical workers today.

Electricians employed by the Southern Public Utilities Company walked out early this afternoon, and a few minutes later switches at the substation were pulled out, leaving industrial plants in Mecklenburg County without power, Charlotte homes without lights, the Western Union Telegraph Company without current and the fire alarm system useless.

At 4:15 o'clock, an hour later, Charlotte poice officers succeeded in gaining control of the substation, arresting two men on forcible trespass charges, and closed the switches. Half an hour later the switches at the gas plant, supplying this city with gas for lighting and heating, were closed also.

SHOE PRICES TO DROP

Leather Dealers Tell Probers in Boston

OF AIR CABINET OFFICER

Opposition to Plan Proposed.

52,000 POUNDS ON WAY RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE

Full Responsibility of Placing United States in Front Rank in Aviation. (By Universal Service.)

WASHINGTON, August 12 .- Creation of a Cabinet office the head of which The sugar was mar- aviation mission, headed by Benedict

That this governmental organia. That this governmental organization be formed in general as follows:

(a) A civilian secretary for air.

(b) An assistant secretary, a civilian, responsible directly to the secretary. tary for air.
(c) Five or more divisional heads,

nautics, naval aeronautics, supply and research, finance, etc.

(d) An air council—advisory in character—which shall be constituted by the secretary for air, assistant secretary for air, the chiefs of the subdepartments and such other personnel as might be deemed advisable.

Railroad Mechanics at Their Work.

(By Universal Service.)

WASHINGTON, August 12.—More than 90 per cent of the shopmen who have been on strike on various rall-roads over the country have now returned to work, according to the statement of B, M. Jewell, acting president of the executive council of the rall-way employees.

Upon the return of the remaining 10 per cent depends the calling of the conference by Director-General Hines to consider the rallway employees' wage demands.

Mr. Hines has informed President Jewell, in accordance with the Presi-

Jewell, in accordance with the President dent's instructions, that he is ready to hold the conference just as soon as all of the men cetters. radicals in control, are still out.

J. D. Sanders, leader of the radical J. D. Sanders, leader of the radical group of striking shopmen, was said today to be on his way to Washing ton, to confer with Mr. Jewell and with the railroad administration officials, it was reported here that Mr. Sanders request for a conference with the railroad administration officials had been denied on the ground that they intended to deal only with the regularly accredited labor officials of the railway employees' organization.

ROAD COMMISSION OF FIVE MEMBERS

Measures Ready for Legislative Hopper at Noon Today.

ADDITIONAL 12-CENT LEVY

FOR HIGHWAYS PROPOSED Third Suggestion Is 50 Per Cent Increase of Automobile

License Tax.

MANY LEGISLATORS ARRIVE

Stage Is Set for Extraordinary Session of General Assembly of Virginia.

purpose of setting State machinery in motion for better highways through-Assembly of Virginia will convene in extraordinary session promptly at noon of five members, in addition to th

Assembly to Name Commission development and utilization of air-craft for national security, and in the advancement of the civilian aerial transportation and communication arts. ency measure and will be effective upon passage. The members must, as far as possible, represent each of the five geographical subdivisions of the State. The terms of the five members will commence on November 1, 1919, and end July 1, 1922. On or before February 1 1922, the General Assembly will elect again, this time naming two for a term of two years, two for a term of four years and one for a term of six years. Thereafter each member will be elected for a term of six

acting as chiefs of the subdepartments of civil aeronautics, military aeronautics, naval aeronautics, supply and research, finance, etc. years.
Upon the matter of how the five commissioners should be named, the executive and legislative committees of the association adopted the General Assembly method by a vote of twelve out of a membership of fiteen, Senator Goolrick and Highway Commissioner Coleman not voting upon the question.

Governor Member Ex-Officio. The Governor is made ex-officio member of the commission and will have equal voice with the other members. Regular quarterly meetings are provided for and any other meetings in addition as either the chairman or the Highway Commissioner may deem necessary to the good of the work in hand.

hand.

For the salary of the Highway Commissioner the bill provides a minimum sum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$7,000. His assistant will receive not less than \$3,000 nor more than \$4,500, salaries in both these cases will be fixed by the commission itself. The five members of the commission are to receive \$10 per diem and their actual expenses while engaged in the work of the commission, to be paid from expenses while engaged in the work of the commission, to be paid from the highway contingent fund.

The measure also empowers the State Highway Commissioner to call in consultation at any time any one or two of the professors of civil engineering at the University of Virginia, the Virginia Military Institute and the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College, these officials to receive their actual expenses while engaged in such work.

Submit Reports to Governor.

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The commission is required to submit to the Governor in writing its recommendations for changes in the State highway system at least ten days before the convening of the Legislature in 1920 and thirty days before each succeeding regular session. These recommendations will be submitted as soon as possible by the Governor to the General Assembly.

The commission is empowered under the bill to make such regulations as it may deem necessary for traffic over the State highway system, these regulations to be posted on the front door of each courthouse in the State and to have the effect of law, sixty days after their adoption by the commission. Every employee of the Highway Department may be made a special policeman, with the authority of a sneriff, to enforce these rules.

Will Not Change Existing Law.

Leather Dealers Tell Probers in Boston Women Were Ready to Pay for High Grades.

(By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, August 12.—Predictions of a decided drop in the price of shoes were made by leather dealers and shoe manufacturers who testified today at the grand Jury investigation of the high cost of living being conducted by District Attorney Pelletier. The consensus of opinion, however, was that the decline might not come for another year.

Witnesses said that women demandated a high grade of shoes and were willing to pay for them. One leading firm, it was brought out, had \$1,000.000 worth of cheaper grades of sole leather on hand, which manufacturers would not buy because it did not come up to the standard demanded by purchasers of shoes. Will Not Change Existing Law.